

House File 2343 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2120)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to possession and storage of game or
2 fur-bearing animals and their pelts and including penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 481A.57, Code 2016, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **481A.57 Possession and storage.**

4 A person having lawful possession of game or fur-bearing
5 animals or their pelts, ~~except deer venison, may hold them for~~
6 ~~not to exceed thirty days after the close of the open season~~
7 ~~for such game or furbearers. A person having lawful possession~~
8 ~~of deer venison which is~~ lawfully taken by that person with
9 a valid deer hunting or trapping license, may hold, possess,
10 or store the deer venison game or fur-bearing animals or their
11 pelts in an amount that does not exceed the possession limit
12 for the game or fur-bearing animal, from the date of taking
13 until the following September 1 day before the first day of the
14 next open season for that game or fur-bearing animal. From
15 ~~September 1 until the first day of the next deer open season~~
16 ~~for which the person holds a valid deer hunting license, the~~
17 ~~person shall not possess more than twenty-five pounds of deer~~
18 ~~venison. Any person may possess up to twenty-five pounds of~~
19 ~~deer venison if the deer was obtained from a lawful source.~~
20 ~~A permit to hold for a longer period may be granted by the~~
21 ~~department.~~

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill provides that a person having lawful possession
26 of game or fur-bearing animals or their pelts lawfully taken
27 by that person with a valid hunting or trapping license may
28 hold, possess, or store them in an amount that does not exceed
29 the legal limit from the date of taking until the day before
30 the first day of the next open season for taking that animal.
31 The bill retains current law allowing any person to possess
32 up to 25 pounds of deer venison if the deer was obtained from
33 a lawful source. The scheduled fine for a violation of the
34 bill's provisions is \$100.

35 Currently, a person having lawful possession of game or

1 fur-bearing animals or their pelts may hold them for not to
2 exceed 30 days after the close of the open season for such game
3 or furbearers. For deer venison, a person may hold any amount
4 of venison taken with a valid hunting license, from the date
5 of taking until the following September 1. From September 1
6 until the first day of the next deer hunting open season for
7 which the person holds a valid deer hunting license, the person
8 shall not hold more than 25 pounds of venison. The department
9 of natural resources may grant a permit allowing a person to
10 exceed these time restrictions.